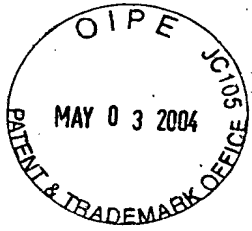


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In Re Application of:

Thompson *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/718,059

Filed: November 21, 2000

Confirmation No.: 9197

Group Art Unit: 2124

Examiner: Shrader, Lawrence J.

Docket No. 10001152-1

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VARYING THE LEVEL OF
CORRECTNESS CHECKS EXECUTED WHEN PERFORMING
CORRECTNESS CHECKS OPPORTUNISTICALLY USING SPARE
INSTRUCTION SLOTS**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Technology Center 2100

Sir:

The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed January 30 2004 (Paper No. 6) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please consider the following remarks.

The Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail for delivery with proper postage thereon to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: 4/30/2004


Gloria L. Knox

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

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PATENT APPLICATION

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Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
(X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment")
() Other: (fee \$)

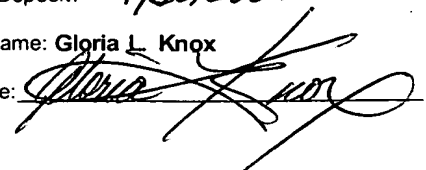
CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	16	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$290	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00	\$ 0	
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

Charge \$ 0 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

Thompson, et al.

By 

Robert A. Blaha

Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)

Reg. No. 43,502

Date: 04/30/2004